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What Gives at Gannett?

By JOHN DOSER

Bruno Sniders, a familiar name to Rochester sports fans, has authored a number of Times-Union sports stories about sports people, citing the new appointments, lateral transfers, or unfortunate firings, sometimes before the subjects involved knew the news themselves.

The rumor factory was going full steam last week about an impending move by Sniders from the T-U to the rival Democrat & Chronicle.

D&C Managing Editor Rick Tuttle admits he's talked with Sniders, says that Sniders hasn't yet signed on the bottom line, but adds he looks forward to his arrival.

T-U Managing Editor John Daugherty refers all calls to Tuttle; he neither confirms nor denies Snider's exit from the Times-Union.

Sniders says there is something going on.

"There are going to be some changes and perhaps they involve me," Sniders explains.

He says the managing editors have to make the final decision and adds that "there is no definite time

or situation that I am involved in that we can talk about."

Tuttle says it's no secret he's talked with Sniders. He says George Beahon also had a TV report on it recently.

Sniders, who has not been writing columns for the past few months at the T-U, became heir-apparent to the top sports columnist's throne when Beahon left the D&C in the last 60s to join Finger Lakes Race Track.

Beahon eventually left The Thumb and joined Channel 13's news department as sports director three years ago and helped vault TV-13 into the No. 2 spot past former No. 1, WROC-TV, Channel 8 and both trail WHEC-TV, Channel 10, the top news station in the Rochester market for the past few years according to the local ratings.

Beahon also writes a sports column for The Courier-Journal.

Sniders says, generally speaking, he's a satisfied employee of The Gannett Company and wouldn't consider any move inside or outside of the organization unless it promised greatly improved professional growth possibilities.

He came to Rochester seven

years ago from the Hartford, Conn., Times, which was then a Gannett-owned newspaper.

A move to the D&C supposedly would return him to the writing scene as well as place him in a position to share his expertise and experience with the morning newspaper's young staff.

There is an ironic twist to Sniders' prospective switch to the D&C several months ago former D&C sportswriter Bob Matthews became a member of the T-U sports staff and he now stands to become the afternoon newspaper's top local sports columnist.

Sniders explains there really is no super sports columnist at the T-U. He says he predicted that the Times-Union would not collapse when he stopped writing, and it didn't.

Another former D&C sports columnist is also on the T-U sports staff — Craig Stölze — but he has been writing about auto racing since he joined the afternoon newspaper.

The changes won't necessarily affect area high school Little League, Pop Warner, Biddy Basketball and Little Guy Soccer coaches — Bruno seldom got down to covering their level.



The young cheerleader who was catching forty winks between competitions was Diane Jackson not Suzanne Rousseau as stated in the April 28 Courier centerfold.



Career Country

Career exploring was the focus of a luncheon April 27 at the Rochester Club. Sixty guidance counselors from area high schools, business and industry figures and representatives of the Scouts' Exploring Division were among the guests of Rochester Telephone Corporation. George Beinetti, retired RTC board chairman, who was saluted for his work with the program for young adults, is pictured above with Sister Nancy Whitley of the Mercy guidance department and Caren Leyland, a recent high school graduate who heads the Explorers Presidents Association.

Piano Auditions Scheduled

Student performers from McQuaid, Nazareth Academy, and St. Agnes will play Friday, May 7 in the National Guild Piano Auditions. The event will be hosted by Sister Jean Marie Magin, SSJ at the Audition Center, Nazareth Academy.

Marie Spano, a prominent teacher from New York City will judge the event.

Participating students will be eligible for local, state, national and international awards.

Rave Reviews For Superstar

Bishop Kearney's production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" was such a success last week-end, there will be an additional presentation on Sunday, May 9.



Time Flies

With Easter vacation over many high school students will be reviewing for final exams. Concentrating on their studying are Mercy High School students Patty Gartland, Helen Morris and Janice Cocking, left to right.

By MARIE D'AMICO DeSales

Over the past few years many high school students have shown a marked decrease in interest in school newspapers and literary magazines.

Scores on the College Board Tests, especially the SAT (Scholarship Aptitude Test), have fallen steadily.

Many colleges are instituting Basic English programs because they find that many students can not express their ideas in grammatically correct and coherent sentences.

I see a direct connection among three incidents and also solutions.

I believe that school newspapers and literary magazines are a vital part of any school because they reinforce the basic English techniques of correct usage of grammar, spelling, as the means of expressing ideas!

For the same reason, reading is also an important part of education. It is one of the best ways to increase your vocabulary and knowledge of written English. Unfamiliar words can be looked up in a dictionary and a practical use of the word is found right in the text.

In light of the situations concerning the SAT scores and the new

college Basic English programs, it appears that English classes alone aren't enough to give a student a complete knowledge of English. No matter how good the English program is, it needs to be supplemented by school newspapers — in which students read and write the article themselves — or by extra reading on their own.

Students should be re-introduced to the classics and to the many other books and magazines which will increase their vocabulary and improve their written English. Furthermore, students who can not read and write English on a high-school level should not be allowed to graduate. This would solve the problem of colleges having to revert to a high-school level and would also prompt students to make the most of their education.

I think that teachers should encourage students to become involved in school newspapers, and to do as much reading outside of school as possible.

Parents are still the main educators of their children. They should continually encourage their children to learn as much as possible and to make the most of their education because the most brilliant ideas are of little value unless they can be communicated and understood.

HOTLINE

It is the aim of RapAround to touch all of the bases. If we are missing any, let Mrs. Joan M. Smith know your ideas. Drop her a line.

We need suggestions and invite criticism.